

Hendricks County Board of Health Meeting

January 8, 2019 7:00 p.m.

Hendricks County Government Center

Meeting Room 3

355 S Washington St.

Danville, IN 46122

The Hendricks County Board of Health met Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in Meeting Room 3 at the Hendricks County Government Center.

Board Members in Attendance:

Dr. James Richardson
Mr. Brian Cobb
Dr. Larry Caskey
Ms. Debra Campbell
Dr. Andrew Cougill
Mr. David Hardin

Hendricks County Staff in Attendance:

Dr. David Stopperich, Health Officer
Ms. Krista Click, Environmental Health Director
Ms. Kandi Jamison, Director of Public Health Nursing
Mr. Brian Portwood, Environmental Health Specialist
Ms. Lisa Chandler, Team Lead, Food
Ms. Nicole Oppy, Asst Director of Public Health Nursing
Ms. Laura Sweet, Administrative Assistant
Ms. Micah Grim, Environmental Health Secretary

Board Members/Others Absent:

Mr. Bruce Dillon
Mr. Larry Hesson, County Council
Ms. Ginger Harrington
Ms. Leanna Truitt

Others in Attendance:

Mr. Eric Oliver, Attorney
Mr. David Ortel, Environmental Scientist,
Indiana State Department of Health

Determination of a Quorum

Dr. Andrew Cougill called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. with a quorum present.

Election of New Officers

Dr. David Caskey motioned to keep the current officers for another term. The current Board Chairperson, Dr. Cougill, and Vice-Chairperson, Dr. James Richardson agreed to serve another term if the Board approved. Debra Campbell seconded the motion. All were in favor; and the motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Brian Cobb made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2018 Board of Health meeting. Dr. Richardson seconded the motion. All were in favor; and the motion passed.

Wishes to Be Heard

Mr. and Ms. James and Anjanette Romer addressed the Health Board and requested a letter stating their septic system, which was recently installed without a permit, was non-conforming so they could sell their house. During much discussion Mr. Romer stated that Evan Schenck of Danny's septic service performed the installation without a permit. Mr. Brian Portwood and Mr. David Ortel addressed state and local requirements for an onsite septic system. Mr. and Mrs. Romer discussed the financial challenges with already incurred and future costs.

Mr. Oliver concluded stating the Romer's have two options. They could provide the Environmental Health Department, by email to Ms. Krista Click, with a plot plan made by a certified engineer showing what was installed and a soil evaluation from a certified soil scientist. The Environmental Health Department would review the information and present their findings to the Health Board. The other option Mr. Oliver gave them was to start a new system completely, with the proper permits.

The Board agreed to table the topic until the next meeting to provide the Romer's with additional time. Mr. Oliver concluded by saying he thinks that after this is resolved with the Romer's that the Health Department needs to pursue the contractor who did the install without a permit.

Introduction of New Staff

Dr. Stopperich introduced Krista Click as the new Environmental Health Director. Ms. Click previously worked for the Environmental Health Department in 2013. Most recently she has been working at the Indiana State Department of Health as the Food Protection Division Director, managing a department of about 25 people. Dr. Stopperich introduced Ms. Micah Grim, the new Environmental Health Department Secretary. Ms. Grim was an intern at the Environmental Health Department during the Summer of 2018.

Unfinished Business

Mark Lyons Settlement

Mr. Eric Oliver received a call from a title company in early December regarding the judgement against Mr. Mark Lyons. Mr. Lyons was trying to refinance his home. Mr. Oliver received a second call from Mr. Lyons attorney stating Mr. Lyons would like to reduce the settlement of \$8,140 to \$2,000. After determining that Mr. Lyons has about \$40,000 of equity in the home, Mr. Oliver did not recommend that the Health Department agree to the reduction.

Bed Bug Ordinance

Mr. Eric Oliver and Ms. Krista Click discussed possible changes in the Bed Bug Ordinance but decided to wait until Ms. Click was settled in with her new position. Mr. Oliver also believed that this will give Ms. Click time to review the Ordinance thoroughly and make any changes necessary. Mr. Oliver is considering the addition of roaches and other insect infestations to the Ordinance. Ms. Click would like to look at lodging specifically in the Bed Bug Ordinance. She also asked the Board what their thoughts were on the proactive approach to the bed bug issue by requiring permits or registration. However, Ms. Click was not suggesting routine inspections, only permits. Mr. Andrew Cougill stated that the limited funds would not give them the power and resources necessary to carry this out. He believes that the issue should remain complaint-driven. However, if the infestations become more frequent and widespread, then the permitting should take place. The Health Board decided that the bed bug issue shall remain complaint-driven for the time being.

New Business

Review of Environmental Policies

Ms. Krista Click asked for more time to get settled in before going through with any changes. She has made minor changes or edits to the Environmental Health Departments policies. Ms. Click will send the revisions to Health Board and directors for review and approval at the next meeting.

Environmental Health Update

Ms. Krista Click addressed the new phone number list for the Health Department that was sent to all health department employees. She also informed every one of the preparedness training at the fairground's March 7th at 9 a.m. Staff will be training on February 1st at 9 a.m. to ensure everyone knows their specific duties during a crisis.

Healthy Families Update

Ms. Kandi Jamison spoke for Ms. Leanna Truitt, Healthy Families Program Manager, who was unable to attend. Ms. Truitt thanked everyone for helping with the Christmas program. She is currently working on thank you cards for everyone who helped. Healthy Families will be starting a new data system that will be put into place by February. Department staff will be trained for this new system. Ms. Jamison concluded that all statistics for her department are in good shape.

Nursing Update

Ms. Kandi Jamison stated that Ms. Nicole Oppy was looking over their department policies as well and has been making some minor changes. Currently, they have two new policies being developed and plan to be completed for review for the Health Board meeting March 5th. The community health assessment was also being evaluated by some of the staff and plans to be presented later this month by Mr. Chase Cotton at the partnership meeting.

Health Officer Update

Dr. David Stopperich appreciated Mr. Eric Oliver for all his hard work he has done recently working with the Health Department. Dr. Stopperich also wanted to compliment the Environmental Health Department with how well they have adapted to the change of staff. Dr. Stopperich expressed that Ms. Krista Click has a lot of support already and that she is going to do a great job.

Dates to Remember

March 7th – Preparedness/Functional Exercise Training at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds, 9a.m.-3 p.m.

March 13th- Leadership Symposium

Mr. Jeffrey Corder, Public Health Preparedness Coordinator, would like to invite anyone who is interested, to his Incident Command System (ICS) classes. Prerequisites for these courses are online. They are offered March 13-14, and April 17-18. See Mr. Corder for more information.

Comments from Health Board Attorney- Mr. Eric Oliver

Mr. Eric Oliver received many complaints from Ashley Motel over the last few months. Both Dr. Stopperich and Mr. Oliver responded to these complaints, along with environmental health specialists who also visited the site. Infestations were found on multiple visits, making the establishment unfit for human habitation. According to the person who spoke with Mr. Oliver on the phone, the owner of the company had recently passed away and he was to address all his concerns and questions to the owner’s son and daughter-in-law. They developed a plan for compliance that was approved by Ms. Julie Haan. Mr. Oliver would like the Health Department to do a follow-up on the site and see the progress they made in the plan. He is hoping they will have the property in good shape by the end of this month. The establishment was not forced to close because there was enough supporting evidence and enough responsive action to keep them from forcible closure.

Adjourn

Mr. David Hardin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm. Dr. Cougill seconded the motion. All were in favor; and the motion passed.

Debra Campbell

J. Cougill

David M. Stopperich

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Health Officer and Board Secretary

Date Minutes Approved